From: Gieron, Kate [Kate.Gieron@mail.house.gov]

Sent: Friday, September 26, 2014 2:23 PM

To: Miller, Linda

Subject: RE: Oct 2nd Press Event to Announce \$75,000 to Living Classrooms Masonville Env Ed Center

to support outreach to Baltimore City Schools

Hi Linda,

The Congressman currently has something on his calendar for that time, but we would like to try and make this work if possible. Do you have an idea of how long the event will take and how many people will be speaking?

Thanks! Kate

Kate Gieron | Congressman John P. Sarbanes

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From: Miller, Linda [mailto:miller.linda@epa.gov]

Sent: Friday, September 26, 2014 1:54 PM **To:** Gieron, Kate; Mastrogianis, Helena

Subject: RE: Oct 2nd Press Event to Announce \$75,000 to Living Classrooms Masonville Env Ed Center to support

outreach to Baltimore City Schools

Good afternoon, EPA is working with Living Classrooms to put together a press event to announce an EPA \$75,000 Environmental Education Grant to support the Masonville Cove Environmental Education Center. I apologize for the late notice but this event is evolving. EPA would like to invite Congressman Sarbanes to participate in the grant announcement. I know Masonville is not in his district, but he is a strong supporter of Living Classrooms. Details found below. Please let me know if he is available to participate or if a representative is available to attend. Thanks, Linda

Date: October 2, 2014 @ 10 a.m.

Location: Masonville Cove Environmental Education Center, 1000 Frankfurst Ave, Baltimore, MD 21226 **Venue:** A five minute walk from the Center down to the water – by the pier. Event will take place near the pier – (podium will be provided); attendees will stand around. Backdrop is the water. If case of rain, it will be held inside the facility.

Background: The Masonville Cove Environmental Education Center (MCEEC) was developed on previously abandoned and neglected parcel of land through a partnership between Living Classroom Foundation (LCF), the Maryland Port Administration (MPA), the National Aquarium, and the Maryland Environmental Services (MES). These organizations work together to manage the MCEEC, which acts as a gateway to connect underserved individuals and communities to the outdoors and the Chesapeake Bay through environmental education, stewardship activities, and job training programs. The goals of the program include providing meaningful watershed educational experiences for approximately 600 Baltimore City students in 2014-15, enhancing students' academic achievement through administration of periodic, standards-based assessments that will identify areas of need and shape classroom instruction, effecting a measurable reduction of runoff pollution in the neighborhoods of participating schools due to the implementation of various storm water pollution reduction; creating public awareness in the schools' communities about storm water runoff pollution issues and solutions, and attaining a positive change in attitudes towards their environment for both students and adults in the community. The EPA grant will specifically help to engage 4 additional Baltimore City schools in the School Leadership in Urban Runoff Reduction Project (SLURRP) as well as

